

Docket No.: 2936-0242PUS1  
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

In re Patent Application of:  
Hirokazu OOE et al.

International Application No.: PCT/JP2003/014268

Application No.: Not Yet Assigned

Art Unit: N/A

Filed: May 19, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: ION ELUTION UNIT AND APPLIANCE  
INCORPORATING AN ION ELUTION UNIT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.